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Upon his own Perſon,

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but knocking at the Door, had no reply, nor heard any noise; wherefore supposing he might not be Stirring at that time, no further Inquiry was made, but after a while much wondering that according to his custom he came not down, they beginning to suspect something more then ordinary had befallen him, and upon observation, perceiving some Signs of violence in the Chamber, The Door was upon Mature deliberation broken open, where they to their great consternation found the aforesaid Mr. *Low* Murthered, being undressed, and as some affirm, a Napkin about his Head, having bedewed the Floor and Bedcloaths with streams of Blood, and by him a Raizor with which the violence had been done, according to all conjecture.

The wound was in his Throat, where there appeared to be two Gashes, one a little under his Chin, which as it was supposed striking upon the Jaw, stayed the further proceeding of that Mischievous Instrument; but the second Gash was prosecuted with such Violence as by the wound appears, that it cut the Jugulars, Wind-pipe, Wezand, and all the Ligaments to the Neck-bone on either side, being the depth of three Inches, the length of five, and the breadth of four: This fatal Accident being noised abroad, the Corroners Inquest on the 30*th* of *March* after Sermon sate on the Corps, and upon Inquiry, finding the circumstance to be as Aforesaid, or to the same effect, and having debated thereon, and seriously considered the whole matter, they returned their Verdict *Felo de se*, viz. That he had layed violent hands upon himself, occasioned through Discontent or Despair.

Though great Search was made to know whether he had left any Papers behind him, Importing the cause or Incitement to such violence, yet we do not understand any paper was found, whereupon orders was gvien for his Interment in the Burying-Ground of St. *Pauls Covent-Garden*, having been till that time exposed to the veiw of such as desired to see him.

This sad Disaster may well serve as a Sea-mark to prevent others from Ship-wracking themselves upon those dangerous Shoals that the Power of Darkness has contracted for the ruine of such as are not secured by the Anchor of Faith, steadfastly fixed on the Rock of Salvation.

Entred according to Order.

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